

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

RESOLUTION No. R1-2002-0035

Request for Cleanup and Abatement Account Funds
For Connections to City of Santa Rosa Water System
for Residences Threatened by PCE Contamination
in the Vicinity of the Intersection of
West College Avenue and
Clover Drive in Santa Rosa, California

- WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), is responsible for ensuring protection of the beneficial uses of water and protection against pollution and nuisance conditions resulting from waste discharges, and
- WHEREAS, the discharge of volatile organic compounds can result in pollution and nuisance, and
- WHEREAS, Tetrachloroethene (PCE) has been found in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level (5 ug/l or parts per billion) in over 20 drinking water wells with concentrations up to 576 ug/l near the intersection of West College Avenue and Clover Drive in Santa Rosa, California (hereinafter the "Area"), a county island, and
- WHEREAS, a public health threat exists from exposure to PCE in contaminated groundwater in the Area arising from household domestic uses including drinking, showering, cooking, dishwashing and irrigation, and
- WHEREAS, in August 17, 2000 the Regional Water Board secured an emergency allocation of \$7,000 (later increased to \$100,000) from the Cleanup and Abatement Account, and on January 25, 2001 the State Water Resources Control Board approved a supplemental allocation of \$739,195 to investigate and abate the groundwater contamination near West College Avenue in Santa Rosa, and
- WHEREAS, the Regional Water Board temporarily abated exposure to PCE by installing wellhead treatment systems and temporary water lines, and
- WHEREAS, a total of \$240,000 from the Cleanup and Abatement Account was specifically allocated to complete connections to the City of Santa Rosa water supply, and
- WHEREAS, there is now a water line available to provide an alternative safe supply of water for residents in the area affected by the PCE contamination, and
- WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma have provided \$150,000 dollars each (\$300,000 total) for the connection of residences to the water line, and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of \$300,000 dollars are necessary to complete the connection of all threatened homes to the water line and thereby abate the public health threat, and

WHEREAS, the pollution problem was unforeseen, is significant, and the Regional Water Board has no additional resources budgeted for this problem, and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code, section 13443, allows for the Regional Water Board to apply to the State Water Resources Control Board for funds from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (the "Account") to assist in responding to a significant unforeseen water quality problem posing an actual or potential public health threat for which the Regional Board does not have adequate resources budgeted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Water Board requests the State Water Resources Control Board to consider the "Request for Cleanup and Abatement Funds" and supporting documentation, and authorize the payment of up to \$300,000 from the Account to assist in connecting residences threatened by the PCE contamination to the City of Santa Rosa water supply system.

Certification

I, Susan A. Warner, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on March 28, 2002

Susan A. Warner
Executive Officer